UPDATE-FATAL State Troopers Investigating Serious Crash — New Castle Area

New Castle — The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred early this morning on Interstate 95.

Around 4:08 a.m. Wednesday October 27, 2021, a 2004 Honda Civic, operated by a 20-year-old male from Wilmington, was traveling northbound on Interstate 95 within the left center lane and was approaching the interchange with SR 141. Just south of the DelDOT yard, also known as the "Sandbox," a 37-year-old male pedestrian from the New Castle area, was within the left shoulder area and began running out into the northbound lanes of travel in an easterly direction. The pedestrian then slowed to a walk and then stood within the left center lane of travel before being struck by the Honda Civic. The Civic came to a controlled stop on the left shoulder of Interstate 95 northbound in the area of the Sandbox.

The 37-year-old pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The pedestrian was wearing dark clothing and was not carrying any type of lighted device.

The 20-year-old driver and a 19-year-old male passenger were both properly restrained and were transported by EMS to Christiana Medical Center where they were treated and released with minor injuries.

I95 northbound at the SR 141 interchange was closed for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Master Corporal J. Breen by calling 302-365-8486. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1–800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at DSP VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.

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